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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena

Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Monday, December 12, 2011

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is ***Worlds Ahead*** in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area's first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has a diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body comes from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries. FIU's worlds ahead alumni have risen to prominence in every field. The university takes full advantage of its ideal location, which serves as a "living laboratory" for many of its programs and offers unparalleled career opportunities. As a public university located in one of the nation's great cities, FIU offers a combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability.

The university offers more than 180 baccalaureate, master's, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools: College of Architecture and The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has more than 46,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 160,000 alumni. The university has three campuses – Modesto A. Maidique Campus in western Miami-Dade County; the Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County, and the FIU Broward Pines Center, an academic facility in nearby Broward County. The 40-acre Engineering Center, a major research facility, is located near Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION..... Charles Bleiker, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING..... Masoud Sadjadi, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Omar Abdul-Aziz, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Valerie Morgan, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Daniel Anzueto, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Elias Bardawil, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Anjane Girwarr, *Senior, Music Education*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

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 Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
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 College of Engineering and Computing..... Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
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CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

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Monday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Kenton Harris, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Jay Sah, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Magnolia Hernandez, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE John Bailly, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Beverly Dalrymple, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Vindhya Khare, *Graduate, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
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Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Lidia Tuttle, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Hakan Yilmazkuday, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Consuelo Boronat, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Ricardo Castells, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Ava Iuliano, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Scott Tripp, *Graduate, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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Kimberly Green, *Doctor of Public Service*

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Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
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University Graduate School Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Deanne Butchey, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Hilarion Martinez, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE Jose Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS Amanda Niguidula, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Steven Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management and International Business*

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS Daniel Blaeuer, *Banner Marshal*
 SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Antoinette Smith, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Winifred Newman, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Leslie Richardson, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE Jose Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS Lynn Hendricks, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Steven Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management and International Business*

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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, *University Service*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
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 University Graduate School Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
 Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK..... O. Dale Williams, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES Derrick Glymph, *Banner Marshal*
 SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT Jinlin Zhao, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Ricardo Castells, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Purnima Madhivanan, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE Scott Kass, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS Nancy Hernandez, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Liberty Fanfare, John Williams
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Michelle Kemp, *Graduate, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Victoria Castellanos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
 Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work Michele Ciccazzo, *Interim Dean*
 College of Nursing and Health Sciences Ora Strickland, *Dean*
 School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Mike Hampton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School Victoria Castellanos, *Dean*
 Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver
University Service

School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC) professor and dean emeritus Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver has been an integral part of FIU for almost four decades.

The award-winning educator and nationally recognized First Amendment and student press authority first joined the university in 1973, as director of Student Activities. Her accomplishments include initiating all student publications and developing the concept of FIU International Week. In 1977, she served for one year as assistant vice president for Student Affairs, and then as director of Information Services and News Bureau, as well as director of Special Events, until 1981. That year, she became acting chair of the new Department of Communication.

Throughout her years at the university, Kopenhaver has held numerous additional leadership positions within the SJMC and FIU, until 2004 when she was named the school's dean.

During her deanship, the school achieved reaccreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. Kopenhaver also led the school in the development of numerous partnerships with community and industry leaders, including one that resulted in the creation of a graduate degree program in Global Strategic Communications, a curriculum across SJMC disciplines that embraces the new media challenges that have overwhelmed other institutions. She supported an innovative media partnership that resulted in the South Florida News Service as well.

These relationships also have resulted in enhancements to SJMC programs such as the multimedia labs funded by the Scripps Howard Foundation and a developing partnership with Telemundo to train future Hispanic communicators.

Kopenhaver also has worked with faculty to enhance the national visibility of the school, which has been consistently recognized for educating Hispanic communicators across the country and Hispanic journalists in Latin America. To that end, the school partnered with The New York Times to host the New York Times Hispanic Student Journalism Institute every two years, and it expanded its international outreach with study abroad programs in Spain and Latin America.



Honorary Degree

Kimberly Green
Doctor of Public Service

Kimberly Green is president of the Green Family Foundation (GFF). She is also a writer, documentary filmmaker, record producer, and an accomplished philanthropist.

Through her family's foundation, Ms. Green has spearheaded a variety of initiatives since 1997, in Haiti, in her native Miami and at FIU.

Green has spoken to FIU students about the foundation's efforts in the island nation, where GFF has been active for more than a decade in community health and development and cultural repatriation and preservation.

The GFF also provided naming support for the Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ program. This innovative program creates teams of students from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, and College of Law who work with medically underserved families throughout Miami-Dade County.

The Green family's support of FIU dates back more than a decade. In 1997, a generous donation from the Green family established endowments for the art museum and the library, resulting in the naming of the Green Library at Modesto A. Maidique Campus in their honor. The iconic building is one of the largest academic libraries in the southeast. With 1.4 million volumes and a wide range of collections including recordings, art works, data files, manuscripts and maps, the library welcomes more than 1.4 million visitors annually.

In the greater Miami community, the Foundation funds programs such as the Little Haiti-based Youth Expressions, which focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention and gang intervention, and the "Photographic History of Black Miami" exhibit on permanent display at Camillus House's Brownsville Christian Housing Center. Internationally, the GFF has partnered with Columbia University's Earth Institute to support a senior policy advisor to the President of Haiti.

As a filmmaker, Green directed and produced the award-winning documentary *Once There Was a Country: Revisiting Haiti*, narrated by Maya Angelou and Guy Johnson. She currently serves as Rapporteur for the Cultural Committee for the Clinton Global Initiative Haiti Action Network. She also served as executive producer of *Alan Lomax in Haiti: Recordings for the Library of Congress, 1936-1937* box set, which received two Grammy Award nominations.

Green served on the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities Coming Up Taller program under President Clinton, as well as the boards of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center and the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys. She also served as Job Head Start Program on the Pine Ridge Oglala Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

THE COMMENCEMENT:

An Academic Tradition

Michael J. Wagner, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Music Education

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar for students and their families. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization's earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

The Chain of Office

The University President is the ceremony's convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office, is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU's chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain. Each link is connected by a shell motif and exemplifies a specific entity: 1) the University Park tower, 2) the Vrana sculpture over the entrance of Primera Casa, and 3) the Torch of Friendship. The others represent the five original schools in the FIU community: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Hospitality Management, and Engineering. Inscribed upon four of the medallions are the names and dates of tenure of FIU presidents — Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, Gregory Wolfe, Modesto A. Maidique. The chain was designed by Dr. Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and executed in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university's mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

Music

Music plays an important role in the commencement experience. The commencement procession begins with the playing of Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man. It is followed by the familiar Pomp and Circumstance March #1, by Sir Edward Elgar. This march, one of a set of five Pomp and Circumstance marches by Elgar, is traditionally played at commencement ceremonies throughout the United States, and many places around the world. It has come to symbolize the commencement experience. After the processional, and after the academic body is assembled, our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, is played. The National Anthem is followed by the FIU Alma Mater, a piece of FIU symbolism composed by Clair McElfresh of the FIU Music faculty, former dean of undergraduate studies, and now retired.

Marshals

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate, which is the democratic collegial governance body of the faculty. You will notice that as the Grand Marshal processes, the mace (a formidable weapon) is held at port arms, the ready position for quick protection. Faculty and student marshals have been elected to lead candidates for graduation from each of the university's schools and colleges.

The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university's administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage. At the end of the processional, the Grand Marshal declares the proceedings open, and the ceremony moves forward. Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the twelfth century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves served the same purpose as do today's pockets. Often a crust of bread or some cheese were tucked away in them for sustenance on a long journey. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century, to the time

An Academic Tradition continued

when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). This document further prescribed the code of dress for university teachers of that era. In a 1432 statute, students and even doctors of theology were restricted to bunge and sad-colored habits. The robes of master were to be flowing and reach the ankles. In an order dated 1358, tailors were admonished not to stint the robes, which should be argae et talares, because clerks (of whom scholars were one type) should be distinguished from the laity. A few universities still require students and faculty to wear a short gown both on and off the university campus. Oxford, Cambridge and some Scottish universities maintain this custom. The faculties of American universities have worn academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250th anniversary of Harvard University and the 500th anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon to which we adhere today with few modifications. Since Spring 2011, FIU has selected to use earth-friendly academic regalia for undergraduate and graduate students. The fabric is manufactured from molten plastic pellets recycled from approximately 23 water bottles and feels like traditional fabric. This initiative underlines FIU’s commitment to sustainability.

Gowns

Academic gowns of today are most easily identified by the distinctive style of their sleeves. The bachelor’s gown is worn closed and its sleeves are long, open and pointed. The master’s gown can be worn either open or closed, and has long distinctive sleeves which are closed, with a slit near the elbow to free the hand and forearm. These pointed sleeves hang down from the elbow to below the hand. The doctor’s gown can be worn either opened or closed, and has five inches of velvet trim down both front edges, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be either black or the color of the discipline in which the degree is granted. The sleeves are closed and bloused.

Hoods

Probably the greatest degree of symbolism is expressed with the academic hood. Those who hold bachelor’s degrees and participate in commencement sometimes wear a hood. Candidates for the bachelor’s degree do not. The bachelor’s hood is black and is three-feet long, with a two-inch velvet border in the color of discipline in which the degree is awarded. The master’s hood is also of black material, and is three-and-one-half feet long with a three-inch velvet border in the color of the discipline. It is lined with the colors of the institution conferring

the degree. The doctor’s hood is four-feet long, has a five-inch velvet border in the the color of the discipline, and is lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree.

Caps

Traditionally, the Oxford style square cap is considered proper headdress. In recent times, however, it has become stylish to wear a soft cap of either square or octagonal shape. All graduates wear a tassel over the left side of the cap. Bachelor’s and master’s tassels may be black or the color of the academic discipline, while doctor’s tassels are always gold.

These are by no means all of the styles or accoutrements worn as academic dress. Indeed, in South American, Spanish and Dutch universities, the academic attire can be likened to plumage. It is not uncommon to see brightly colored gowns adorned with ermine and other furs, flowing capes, and caps trimmed with beads or tassels. Some universities in South America even add Indian feathers to the headdress, in honor of the Inca Indians. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

FIU traditional tassel colors, according to college/school are:

School of Architecture and The Arts	
— Architecture	Blue Violet
— Music	Pink
— The Arts	White
College of Arts and Sciences	White
— Public Administration	Peacock Blue
— Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
College of Business Administration	Drab
College of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering and Computing	Orange
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	
— Nursing	Apricot
— Health Sciences	Green
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Citron
Honors College	Gold

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Rosa González	Karla Ortega	Melissa Singh
Ruth Hamilton	Lourdes Pereira	
Olga Hernández	Christopher Ponce	

The Honors College

Graduates of the Honors College have had the opportunity to work with some of the University's most outstanding faculty members in a program of excellence in academics, personal development, and service. The College boasts faculty from a wide array of academic disciplines and students from 80 different nations and states. The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their major fields and prepares them to compete in the workplace or for graduate or professional school placement after graduation.

Created as a program in 1990, the College has grown to include over a thousand students and forty-three faculty members in an exciting and challenging academic environment. The Honors College now provides a full range of opportunities and support activities for its students, including study abroad courses, individual advising, research and internship programs, and service opportunities. The heart of the college is its creative and supportive community.

The Curriculum

Honors seminars are unique classes that assure a challenging thread winds through the undergraduate experience of all students in the College, regardless of major. Every semester Honors College students take an interdisciplinary honors seminar. Most are team-taught by three to four

members of the Honors faculty. Students and faculty members meet each week for large group lectures, panel discussions, student presentations and films; they also meet weekly in small discussion sessions to analyze reading assignments and to elaborate on issues raised during the large group. Students thus have the opportunity to work closely with one faculty member, while learning from several in their large group, from the earliest point in their studies. Third and fourth year students take advanced trans-disciplinary seminars and/or study abroad trips or participate in research.

The Students

Students chosen for the College are excellent students capable of performing well in the rigorous Honors curriculum as well as in their other course work. Since the "ideal" Honors student should be active in the community and seeks out challenges both academically and personally, emphasis is placed on letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and the breadth of the student's experiences.

The success of these graduates of the Honors College is yet another example of Florida International University's continuing commitment to providing an exceptional undergraduate education for its students.

The Honors College Graduates

Elizabeth Amador
 Maria Arce
 Diego Arrieta
 Melanie Bodden
 Maria Boixbraga
 Givens Cherilus
 Erika Collante
 Maria Concha
 Laura Cortes
 Ryan Depraul
 Johan Ekman
 Amnha Elusta
 Robert Fernandez
 Isabel Fernandez
 Steve Foo
 Juan Grillo
 David Grinevald

Corina Guzman
 Christina Haramboure
 Gunther Huszar
 Tanya Jackson
 Alexandra Kayal
 Nadia Lima
 Ana Martinez
 Kenneth Martinson
 Jenny Miller
 Jared Moise
 Yasnay Montlavo
 Alexandra Montesino
 Adriana Montoya
 Eduardo Moreno
 Sharon Ochotorena
 Sandy Perez
 Ana Perez

Geromina Raphael
 Tiffany Reid
 Ana Silva
 Manuel Sotelo
 Christina Sternitzke
 Angie Urrea
 Allan Villorin



Council for Student Organizations' Honor Societies

The following students have been recognized by their respective Honor Societies and the Florida International University Council for Student Organizations for reaching a high level of academic achievement.

PHI BETA KAPPA

Elizabeth M. Amador
 Marilyn Crucet
 Aida Maria Custode
 Natalie Terese Delgado
 Rosa Micaela Gaxiola de Aida
 Meaghan Alexis James
 Carolyn A. Lamour
 Liliannis Ochoa
 Adriana F. Peralta
 Diana Lucía Reyes
 Alexander F. Rodriguez
 Pedro A. Rojas

ALPFA

Lourdes Abosaid
 Diana P. Ardila
 Raul Barrera
 Carlos Chavez
 Mendy Chow
 Diana Diaz
 Rosa Fernandez
 Natalie Frantoff
 Frank Ginebra-Groera
 Yasmany Gonzalez
 Emilio Kachler
 Jessica La Torre
 Marie Lang
 Felipe Lopez
 Ina Mitskevich
 Yasnay Montalvo
 Anastasiya Piashkova
 Ariel Salazar
 Carlos Quijano
 David Rodrigues
 Yenia Sainz
 Catalina Santaella
 Eduardo Tapanes
 Johanna Villamizar
 Jackie Yim

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA

Jamie Bolduc
 Ryan Oakly
 Shany Quevedo

ALPHA ETA MU BETA

Sridevi Nagaraja
 Kanwal Farooq Raja
 Manuel Salinas

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

Jay P. Jefferson
 Miriam Martinez

ALPHA MU ALPHA

Claudia A. Bernaola
 Manuel Gustavo Cespedes
 Juan Sebastian De Castro
 Tatiana Diaz
 Brian P. Embon
 Diego A. Escobar Ortega
 Cynthia Espino
 Natalia Garcia
 Sarah Garcia
 Melanie Geng
 Kamran Hameed
 Yee-Chit Hua
 Laura Jimenez
 Yenny Lopez
 Dayana Martinez
 Karen J. Martinez
 Yudith Monsalve
 Patrick F Nogueira
 Viviana Palomino
 Sofia Pinedo
 Maria Fernanda Reategui
 David Segura
 Ana Maria Silva
 Juliette Saindy Saint-Louis
 Cristina B. Urdaneta
 Arianny D. Vazquez
 Alessandra Verne
 Lalannia Woll

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Karina Barra
 Tatiana Benitez
 Razsman Crawford
 Hector Leodany Guzman
 Elizabeth Heck
 Roxana Navarro
 Nestor Roman Reyes

Luis A. Sanchez
 Jossie Viera

BETA ALPHA PSI

Raul Andrial
 Olenka Bravo
 Antonio Del Cueto
 Samantha Dubin
 Robert Fernandez
 Anthony Fiore
 Marissa Flannery
 Matthew Fong Choy
 Andres Guitierrez
 Natalia Jimenez
 Jason Karukin
 Dennisse Lecaro
 Grace Martin
 Derrick Mosley
 Max Orelus
 Alain Rodriguez
 Alex Rodriguez- Trelles
 Heber Rojas
 Orlando Sanchez
 Catalina Santaella
 Mauro Scattolini
 Helen Sosa
 Joshua Stezovsky
 Yamian Triay
 Piero Velarde

BETA BETA BETA

Marlene Garcia

CHI EPSILON

Jennifer Borges
 Maite Barroso
 Joseph M. Beeman
 Carlos Benavides
 Andres Diaz
 Amanuel Teclé
 Juan Guillermo Londono Lozano

CHI SIGMA IOTA

Anamaria A. Arana
 Jorge A. Benitez
 Jeanette Martin
 Maria Andrea Sanin

Joslynn T. Watson

DELTA EPSILON IOTA

Nicole N. Adams
 Manuel Alejandro
 Jonathan Fernando Angulo
 Elizabeth Amador
 Deborah Ambrogini
 Jasmine Baldwin
 Michael Batal
 Meghan Castellano
 Maria Jose Cabello
 Olu Dallas
 Natalie Delgado
 Lisvet Diaz
 Yamilet Diaz
 Aleki Edwards
 Johan Ekman
 Amnha Elusta
 Diego A. Escobar Ortega
 Renatto Garro
 Danielle Goodman
 Priscilla Hernandez
 Derek Ingraham
 Guadalupe Juarez
 Vanessa Lafrance
 Lauren Kelly Le Roy
 Julet Lopez
 Cynthia Marano
 Adriana C. Marcano
 Melissa Marino Chirino
 Christopher Martin
 Alexander Mina
 Lavern Morant
 Omar Morel
 Sandy Perez
 Daniel Phelan
 Joeli Prieto
 Randy Ramirez
 Maisha Ayanna Reed
 Sheron H. Reid
 Florencia Rossato
 Catherine Segura
 Olga Skarlat
 Manuel Sotelo
 Albert Soulier
 Kathryn Tracy

Council for Student Organizations' Honor Societies *(continued)*

Sharon Weinstein
Stephanie Zinni

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Jenny Millet
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Karin Vallega

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Kristy Alvarez
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Deborah Ambrogini
Jasmine Baldwin
Zhengxin Bao
Michael Batal
Nicole Cobham
Yamilis Cruz
Yenny Calabrese
Meghan Castellano
Christian Cloud
Ferran Coleman
Erika Collante
Krystle Crawford
Marcos De Frias
Elizabeth DeHaan
Lisvet Diaz
Johan Ekman
Laura Ferreira
Rebeca Garcia
Daniel Garrido
Juan Garrido
Shanee N. Grant
Gabriel Araujo Grilo
Wendy Guillen
Andres Gutierrez
Priscilla Hernandez
Jennifer Klein
Aldouine Darline Lafosse
Adriana C Marciano

Monica Menendez
Yasnay Montalvo
Stephanie Moussa
Renee Pastora
Selisha Paul
Sandy Perez
Dipaolo Pio
Alyssa Quevedo
Eric Jean Quirion
Yorlin Quiroz
Randy Ramirez
Vilna Roberts
Alain Rodriguez
Madison Rodriguez
Pablo Salamea
Elena Sebekos
Joshua Sherman
Heidi Jane M. Smith
Marcia Tro
Marta Valle
Bernardus van Balen

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY

Johan Ekman
David Fernandez
Viviana Palomino
Adriana Penuela
Ana Cristina Perez
Andrea Roofe Sattlethight

KAPPA DELTA PI

Vanessa Arrua
Ria Kavita Harry
Jose Gutierrez
Stephanie Mathurin
Christina Morrabal
Valeria Nacer
Yinette Nicole Santos
Nicole Perez
Sarah Patino
Sharon Ochotorena
Lauren Torres

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

Rola Akache
Eric Crespo
Rafael Diaz
Stephanie Jean-baptiste

Karen Martinez
Andrea Nunez
Ana Perez
Ana Maria Silva

OMEGA SIGMA LAMBDA CHI

Andres Castineiras
Omar Carcamo
Kidon Craig
Jose De La Torre
Armando Del Busto
Natalia Escobar
Sergio Figueredo
Jason Gomez
Karim Hazzi
Johnny Ho
Robayna Ana Laura
Jeremy Jelonek
Zach Nelson
Randy Ramirez
Michael Valdes

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Tiffany Huertas
Mercedes Lavado

PHI ALPHA

Milagros del Carmen Abreu
Helen Gema Muiz Bermudez
Angie Castro
Brenda Lagunas
Mayren Fragueta Lam
Jennifer Hernandez
Patrice Huntley
Siobhan Radix-Keane
Eliana Orozco
Melba Cristina Romero
Kesia Vazquez

PHI KAPPA PHI

Gabriel Araujo Grilo

PI ALPHA ALPHA

Claudia Tamara Garcia
Newsoul Lapaix
Tiffany E. Mincey
Heidi Jane M. Smith

PI DELTA PHI

Carmen Fuentes
PSI CHI

Phillip Agres
Vondy Balthazar
Susanny J. Beltran
Viviana Bermudez
Laura Brito
Tina Andrea Chin
Sabrina de la Fe
Elizabeth DeHaan
Natalie Terese Delgado
Andres Gallego
Rosa Micaela Gaxiola
Adietra Granberry
Amanda Gutierrez
Cain Hevia
Nazneen Khatib
Deborah M. Luceno
Laura Miranda
Cynthia P. Orellana
Ambar Reyes
Madison Sara Rodriguez
Angela L Suarez
Amie Marie Szymanski
Alicia Vargas
Nicole Vasconcellos

SIGMA ALPHA LAMBDA

Ailedys Castellon
Ryan Drepaul
Veronica Fernandez Barquin
Daniel Gomez
Daniel Phelan
Ana-Laura Robayna
Catherine Vivian

SIGMA IOTA RHO

Lucia Monroy
Jacob Ruzinok
Carol Wang

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Rafael Hernandez
Alejandra Jidy
Tiffany Torres
Madison Rodriguez

THETA ALPHA KAPPA

Andrew Cohen
Dolores Heredia-Wood
Curtis Lanoue
John Shearer
Diana Trujillo

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2011 Fall Semester Doctoral Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Armando R. Acha

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *Electroproduction of Hyperons at Low Momentum Transfer*
Major Professor: Dr. Pete E. C. Markowitz

Christopher William Calvo

Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *An American Political Economy: Industry, Trade, and Finance in the Antebellum Mind*
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Lipartito

Irina Castellanos

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Infants' Selective Attention to Faces and Prosody of Speech: The Roles of Intersensory Redundancy and Exploratory Time*
Major Professor: Dr. Lorraine E. Bahrck

Cassian D'Cunha

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Theoretical Study of Chloroperoxidase Catalyzed Chlorination of Beta-Cyclopentanedione and Role of Water in the Chlorination Mechanism*
Major Professor: Dr. David Chatfield

Astrid Soyini Natasha Ellie Hurley

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations
Dissertation: *Filtering the International Gender Paradigm: Perspectives of Gender in Barbados*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Gail Hollander
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Patricia Price

Engin Ibrahim Erdem

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *European Integration and Democratic Consolidation: Spain, Poland, and Turkey in Comparative Perspective*
Major Professor: Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova

Emma E. Ergon-Rowe

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *The River, the Railroad Tracks, and the Towers: How Residents' Agency and the Use-Value Transformed Wilton Manors into a Diverse, Gay-Friendly, Urban Village*
Major Professor: Dr. Hugh Gladwin

Marcos H. Feldman

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *The Role of Neighborhood Organizations in the Production of Gentrifiable Urban Space: The Case of Wynwood, Miami's Puerto Rican Barrio*
Major Professor: Dr. Alex Stepick III

Irina Fredericks

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *An Evaluation of Functional Impairment among Children with Anxiety Disorders*
Major Professor: Dr. Wendy K. Silverman

Zhayda Garzon

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs
Dissertation: *Analysis of Housing Partnerships using the Balanced Scorecard Framework*
Major Professor: Dr. Sukumar Ganapati

Wenceslao Gil

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish
Dissertation: *The (Ab)use of Politics and Eroticism in the Culture of the Spanish Transition to Democracy (1975-1982)*
Major Professor: Dr. Santiago Juan-Navarro

Anna Goldina

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Endocrine Regulation of Dynamic Communication Signals in Gymnotiform Fish*
Major Professor: Dr. Philip K. Stoddard

Caroline Many Hammerschlag-Peyer

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *The Influence of Body Size on the Ecology of Coastal Fish Predators in the Bahamas*
Major Professor: Dr. Craig A. Layman

2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

Rezwan Hussain

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Dissertation: *Voting with their Feet: Migration, Partisanship, and Party-Safe Elections in Florida*

Major Professor: Dr. Nicol C. Rae

Rosa M. Inguanzo

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish

Dissertation: *Incurción en el Espacio Ontológico de las Novelas La Ninfa Inconstante de Guillermo Cabrera Infante y Todos se Van de Wendy Guerra*

Major Professor: Dr. Santiago Juan-Navarro

Takehiko Kojima

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Dissertation: *Diversity and Knowledge in the Age of Nation-Building: Space and Time in the Thought of Yanagita Kunio*

Major Professor: Dr. John F. Stack

Dmitriy Krichevskiy

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Entrepreneurial Motivation, Entry, Exit, and Monetary Rewards*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Thompson

Luis Lebolo

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Dissertation: *Angular Distribution of Z0 Bosons in Z+Jet Events at $\sqrt{S} = 7$ TeV*

Major Professor: Dr. Pete E. C. Markowitz

Kindon Thomas Meik

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Dissertation: *Disease and Hygiene in the Construction of a Nation: The Public Sphere, Public Space, and the Private Domain in Argentina, 1871-1910*

Major Professor: Dr. Mark D. Szuchman

Maria Vaillant Molina

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Dissertation: *The Role of Contingency and Gaze Direction in the Emergence of Social Referencing*

Major Professor: Dr. Lorraine E. Bahrck

Janet Otero-Toledo

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish

Dissertation: *La Kábala dentro del Discurso Contemporáneo y Urbano: El Ejemplo de Marcos Ricardo Barnatán*

Major Professor: Dr. Santiago Juan Navarro

Alfonso Rodriguez

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Hospital Efficiency*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Thompson

Mita Saksena

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

Dissertation: *Framing Infectious Diseases and U.S. Public Opinion*

Major Professor: Dr. Paul A. Kowert

Maribel San Juan

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish

Dissertation: *Teoría y Práctica del Neobarroco en Severo Sarduy*

Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas

Vashti Sawtelle

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Dissertation: *A Gender Study Investigating Physics Self-Efficacy*

Major Professor: Dr. Eric Brewe

Pamela Lee Sullivan

Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences

Dissertation: *Groundwater-Surface Water Interactions on Tree Islands in the Everglades, South Florida*

Major Professor: Dr. René M. Price

Relina Tamrakar

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *Synthesis of Azulenylsilane Nitrones as Diagnostic Tools for Superoxide Detection*

Major Professor: Dr. David Becker

Zhonghua Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Investigation of the Native and Modified Active Site Structure of Hemoproteins*

Major Professor: Dr. Xiaotang Wang

College of Business Administration

Andrea Jay Alexandra Roofe Sattlethight

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *The Effect of the Business Cycle on the Performance of Socially Responsible Equity Mutual Funds*

Major Professor: Dr. Karen Paul

2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

David Adam Wernick

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *Secondary Stakeholders as Agents of Influence: Three Essays on Political Risk, Reputation, and Multinational Performance*

Major Professor: Dr. Sumit Kundu

College of Education

Carlos Andres Albornoz

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human

Resource Development

Dissertation: *Exploring the Goals, Content, and Methods of Entrepreneurship Professors: A Multiple Case*

Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

Eric E. Arneson

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Self-Perceived Effects on Faculty that Result from the Experience of Serving in a Residential College*

Major Professor: Dr. Roger Geertz Gonzalez

Lisa Alonso Barrocas

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education

Dissertation: *A Study of the Relationship between Educational Placement and the Achievement of Urban Low Socio-Economic Hispanic Middle School Students with and without Specific Learning Disabilities*

Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Cramer

Diann Paula Carr

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Middle School Teachers' Intentions to Refer Eating Disorder Students for Professional Counseling*

Major Professor: Dr. Joan Wynne

Donald Arthur Cramp, Jr.

Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision

Dissertation: *The Effects of the Ethic of Care in All-Boys School from 1903-1974*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

Andrea Roberta Floyd

Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision

Dissertation: *The Relationship between Staff Perceptions of Principal Leadership and School Performance*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

Jayne A. Klein

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Swimming against the Tide: A Study of a Youth Enrichment Program seeking to Empower Inner-City Black Youth*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Sergio Nieves

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *The Civic Achievement Gap: A Study on the Civic Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes of Hispanic Students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools*

Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed K. Farouk

Richard Dale Prentiss

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Administrators' Perspectives of Culture at a Multi-Campus Community College*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Avis Richards Proctor

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Relationship between the Secondary Mathematics Curriculum, College Persistence, and Success at an Urban College*

Major Professor: Dr. Glenda Droogsma-Musoba

Dorret Elaine Sawyers

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Relationship between a Retention Program on the Persistence and Graduation Rates of First-Generation, Low-Income Students at an Urban, Public University*

Major Professor: Dr. Glenda Droogsma-Musoba

Joyce Walsh-Portillo

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Role of Emotional Intelligence in College Students' Success*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

College of Engineering and Computing

Ariel Cary

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Scaling Geospatial Searches in Large Spatial Databases*

Major Professor: Dr. Naphtali Rishe

Jennifer Anais Girard

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *The Effect of Water on Olivine Single Crystal Plasticity,*

Deformed Under High Pressure and High Temperature

Major Professor: Dr. Jihua Chen

Ana Maria Guzman Tamayo

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Thermal Imaging as Biometrics Approach to Facial Signature Authentication*

Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

Shan Jiang

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Optimum Wireless Power Transmission for Sensors Embedded in Concrete*

Major Professor: Dr. Stavros V. Georgakopoulos

Indrahil Lahiri

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Carbon Nanotube Based Systems for High Energy Efficient Applications*

Major Professor: Dr. WonBong Choi

Sridevi Nagaraja

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *Theoretical Investigations of Intercellular Communication in the Microcirculation: Conducted Responses, Myoendothelial Projections and Endothelium Derived Hyperpolarizing Factor*

Major Professor: Dr. Nikolaos Tsoukias

Mohammad Siddiqui

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Vacuum Brazing of Alumina Ceramic to Titanium for Biomedical Implants using Pure Gold as the Filler Metal*

Major Professor: Dr. W. Kinzy Jones

Amanuel Sebhatu Teclé

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Wind-Induced Internal Pressure in Low-Rise Buildings: A Multi Scale Experimental and Numerical Approach*

Major Professor: Dr. Girma T. Bitsuamlak

Huang Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *A Large-Scale Dynamic Vector and Raster Data Visualization Geographic Information System based on Parallel Map Tiling*

Major Professor: Dr. Naphtali Rishe

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

Nicole A. Kellier

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *The Epidemiology of Prostate Cancer among Multiethnic Men*

Major Professor: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Brian W. Kunkle

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *The Potential Role of Environmental Exposures and Genomic Signaling in Development of Central Nervous System Tumors*

Major Professor: Dr. Deodutta Roy



2011 Fall Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate **Summa Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Magna Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

(Honors designations are based on cumulative GPA through the Summer Semester)

College of Architecture and The Arts

Master of Music

John J. Cogollo

Aaron M. Lebos

Lidayne Reyes Negrin

Juan G. Ramos

Paula Romeo

Jonathan Thole

Marcello Usbeck

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Eva Reyes Cisnero

Master of Architecture

Eder David Boo Puig

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Andrea Alvarez

Reinie Alvino

Sai Mi Baik

Ashlie Marie Briggs, **Cum Laude**

Alyssa Ann De Sanctis

Michael Joseph Finelli

Maria Victoria Franco

Andrea Gonzalez

Whitney Joseph

Leigh A. Kidd, **Cum Laude**

Ann Southard King, **Magna Cum Laude**

Monica Lorena Mesa, **Magna Cum Laude**

Crystal Angelica Parra

Roger Stephen Roth

Maria Alejandra Sanchez

Claudia Marina Vera

Christy Carol Williams, **Magna Cum Laude**

Master of Arts in Architecture

Yaprak Yegin Markeset

Master of Arts in Interior Design

Tari C. Pelaez

Master of Interior Design

Zuzana Corral

Master of Landscape Architecture

Kevin Banogon

Meredith C. Lambert

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Jennifer L. Almonaci

Audrey Marie Castro

Laura Marie Ferreira, **Cum Laude**

Lisette E. Gonzalez

Eduardo Huergo

Rolie Marcet

Ana Carolina Martinez, **Magna Cum Laude**

Enrique Martin Melchor

Christopher Stephen Newcomb

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Johanna Carazo Saad, **Summa Cum Laude**

Madiana Andre Echavarria

Erika Galan

Melanie Gomez

Eleanor Reid Hinshelwood

Jorge Miguel Orduz

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Gustavo Norberto Dapiaggi

Cecilia D. Niebla, **Magna Cum Laude**

Antonio Miguel Valcarcel

Jiancarlos O. Vasquez

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Sasha Maris Adorno, **Magna Cum Laude**

Diego A. Arrieta

Carolina E. Candelaria

Wen-Ju Chien, **Cum Laude**

Jacqueline Conos

Eric D. Gonzalez, **Magna Cum Laude**

Juan Jose Griego

Alison K. Krochina, **Cum Laude**

Oliver Joshua Perez

Diego A. Rodriguez

Nancy Elizabeth Trevino

Lauren M. Webb-Harris, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre

Laine Michelle Bryan, **Magna Cum Laude**

Scott Richard Hinz

Michael Adam Mena

Paul Ary Perez

Giovanni Velazquez

***Bachelor of Landscape
Architecture***

Christopher A. Garcia

Bachelor of Music

Jessica I. Amores

Ibette Fernandez, **Cum Laude**

Iran Alberto Garcia
Eric Gonzalez, **Cum Laude**
Mya Krystal Minnis

Jorge Jesus Ore
Jonathan Elijah Parker, **Cum Laude**
Fray A. Peralta
Estela Slomp Romand

Darren Shillingford, **Cum Laude**
Edrick D. Subervi Vazquez,
Magna Cum Laude
Adam Sugarman
Robert Demys Surroca

Christa Louise Remington
Sonia C. Rodriguez
Suleydi San Martin
Karina Alexandra Sanchez
Cameron Ehren Sisser
Christopher M. Townsend
Richard Vaz
Joseph Anthony Werner
Darian Jillian Williams

Belky Yadira Oseguera
Ricardo Enrique Osorio
Giancarlo Pelosi
J Purdy
Brandon Richard Ratner
Yandro Recio
Christopher Michael Rosenberg
Maria Petronila Santos
Osvaldo Jose Teixeira
Aaron M. Velasco
Elissa Weintraub
Jennifer Carolyn Wiese
Bennett Wallace Williams
Jennifer Isis Zuloaga

Tatjana Viktoria Keeley
Maria Isabel Quevedo, **Cum Laude**
Adrian O. Triana
Melonija Justina Van Coevering

Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

Jonathan Alba, **Cum Laude**
Elizabeth Amador, **Magna Cum Laude**
Nathalie Michelle Anderson
Jessica Arias
Joanna I. Barreiro, **Summa Cum Laude**
Vanessa D. Capera
Francheska Castro
Jessica Dolce
Aimee Fernandez
Wally Jonas Frage
Jessica Gonzalez
Khadija I. Jackson
Jeffrey C. Jeancy
Vanessa Alexandra Naranjo
Jorge Luis Nigaglioni
Felipe Andres Pubillones
Jodi-Ann Natalie Richards
Pedro A. Rojas, **Summa Cum Laude**
Stephanie D. Venero

College of Arts and Sciences

***Master of Arts in African and
African Diaspora Studies***

Sabrina Collins

Master of Arts in Asian Studies

Amy Tuyet Thi Bui

Marcela Alejandra Tejedor

Master of Arts in English

Christina Machado

***Master of Arts in Global and
Sociocultural Studies***

Matthew S. Kronz

Master of Arts in History

Michael Edrich Desa

Francisco S. Gonzalez

Elizabeth L. Hoisington

Karsten Erik Pedersen-Majors

Andrea R. Vasta

Master of Arts in

International Studies

Elyktra C. Eisman

Reza Sanati

***Master of Arts in Latin American
and Caribbean Studies***

Pierre Jean-Jacques Losson

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Sue Ellen Demmings

Courtney M. Just

Master of Arts in Linguistics

Tammer D. Castro

Amui Chong Prieto

Jonathan Todd Miles

Jessica M. Miller

Stephanie M. Pi

Sarah Shehadeh

Elena Tchesnok

Sawsan Abdulghader Werfelli

Master of Arts in Political Science

Subhisa Kharuwannapat

Christopher Perez

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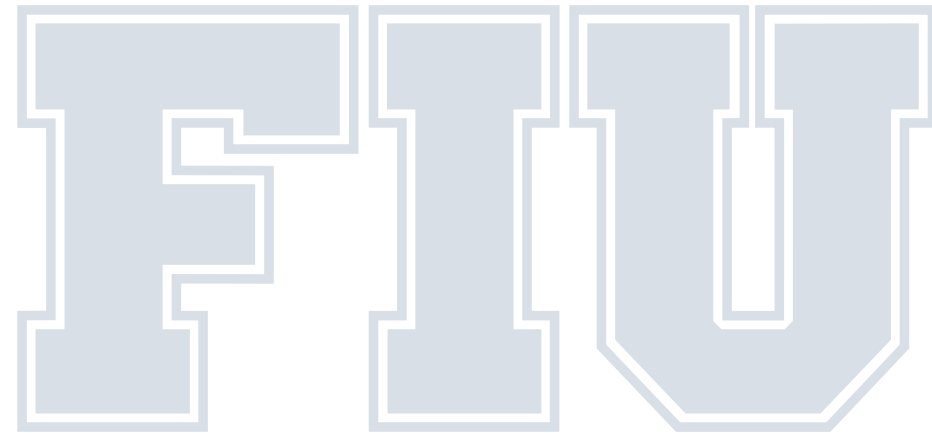
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